



30th October 2018

Dear Parent/Career

The Brilliant Club

I am writing to inform you of an extremely exciting opportunity on offer to a small number of our students at Ely College across years 9/10, who have shown a particularly high level of attainment in Science or are noted as being particularly interested in the field of science.

In partnership with a number of "Red Brick" Universities, we are seeking to increase student aspirations through a scholars programme entitled "The Brilliant Club". The programme aims to give students exposure to higher level academic experiences.

The programme begins with a launch trip to the University of East Anglia, to allow students to experience the intellectual environment of higher education. The date for this event will be confirmed in due course, all transportation costs will be covered by the college. This trip will provide an opportunity for your child to participate in a carousel of learning activities that will help develop the knowledge, skills and ambition needed to progress to higher education.

Following the trip, a PHD tutor will work with students for 4 weeks, during an in school seminar (date to be confirmed). Students will be required to undertake weekly reading and assignment writing that lead to the completion of an extended university style assignment, after approximately 6-8 weeks. During this 6-week period students will also need to attend an additional weekly 1 hour supervised study session.

Students will then attend an in school final tutorial where they receive their marks and feedback on their final assignments. Following this feedback, students are all invited to attend another partner university where students are able to tour the campus and attend additional IAG sessions, as well as participate in a formal graduation ceremony.

At this point I should highlight that by signing up to this opportunity you are committing to attending the opening ceremony and final graduation to celebrate your successes, and in doing so making a further commitment to ensuring the work required as part of the programme is completed in a timely and appropriate fashion.

If you are genuinely interested and prepared to commit to the programme, I'd be very grateful if both you as parent/carer and your child sign the declaration of intent below to register participation in The Brilliant Club. As part of the monitoring processes associated with this programme, by signing the declaration below you further agree to allowing Ely College to share attainment and contextual data records with the provision organisers.

The deadline for return of these letters is Friday 10th November.

Yours faithfully

Jason Coe
The Brilliant Lead



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To: Mr J Coe – The Brilliant Club

Declaration of intent

Child name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete and return this slip to Mr Coe by Friday 10th November 2018, thank you.